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AUG ? 2002 For CLEANING IMPLEMENT COMPRISING A REMOVABLE CLEANING PA

HAVING MULTIPLE CLEANING SURFACES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 01/29/02

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/13/01, Applicant hereby submits this response including the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also hereby submits a copy of the original document granting limited recognition to Mr. Thibault Fayette to prosecute patent application for the Procter & Gamble Company.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice.

Please substitute the following claim for the pending claim 21 with the same number.

21. (Amended) An implement for cleaning a surface, the implement comprising:

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- a handle comprising a support head at one end; and
- b. a disposable and removable cleaning pad having an upper surface and a lower surface, wherein the cleaning pad has multiple widths in the z-dimension and wherein the cleaning pad comprises:
 - a scrubbing layer;
 - ii. an absorbent layer in direct fluid communication with the scrubbing layer wherein the absorbent layer comprises a superabsorbent material; and

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